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C O N F I D E N T I A L LILONGWE 1429

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SUBJ: MALAWIAN RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE

1. IN CONVERSATIO WITH PRESIDENT BANDA ON AUG 30, HE INDICATED THAT RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE CONTINUE TO BE QUITE SATISFACTORY FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW. HE SAID THAT ONE OF HIS MNISTERS HAD HAD A 3-HOUR TALK WITH PRES. MACHEL RECENTLY AND IT HAD GONE WELL; THAT FRANKLY HE WAS FINDING MACHEL A DECENT PERSON TO DEAL WITH WHO SAYS WHAT HE HONESTLY THINKS, WHICH IS WHAT HE, BANDA, DOES, AND HE PREFERS THIS KIND OF MAN--NOT THAT "OTHER MEMBER OF THAT GOVERNMENT WHOM MOST EVERYONE FINDS SO AGREEABLE-- I DO NOT TRUST HIM AT ALL." (LATER IT CAME OUT HE WAS REFERRING TO CHISSANO). HE SAID, DESPITE TALK AND COMMENT BY OUTSIDERS THAT MALAWI IS IN A DIFFICULT SITUATION VIS-A-VIS MOZAMBIQUE, IN POINT OF FACT THEIR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN MINIMAL.

2. COMMENT: BANDA'S TONE AND ATTITUDE RE THIS SUBJECT WERE THE MOST POSITIVE I HAVE YET HEARD, AND I WAS PARTICULARLY STRUCK BY HIS RATHER WARM REARKS CONCERNING MACHEL PERSONALLY. STEVENSON

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